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EXTRA.

2 O'CLOCK.

STILL MYSTERY.

Long Island's Strange Tragedy

Not Cleared Up by Weber.

His Identification of the Murdered Girl

Not Satisfactory to the Police.

He Had Been in New York Since

Friday and Was Out of Funds.

There is still much mystery surrounding

the death of the pretty young girl whose

body was found in a lonely clearing back

of Henry Meyer's cigarette factory, near

Glendale, L. I., in spite of the identification of

her body by Charles Weber, who claims to

be a North Haven, Conn.

Weber called at the Ridgewood morgue

last night and said the dead girl was his

nieces, Matilda Haber, twenty years old, who

lived in North Haven Saturday morning last

with a man named John Abee.

A general alarm for Abee, whom Weber

says he suspects is the murderer, has been

sent out by the New York and Brooklyn

police.

coupled with Weber's description Detective

Miller was quick to have general alarm sent

out for the girl's companion.

ABOUT NINE WHERE BODY WAS FOUND.

At 10 o'clock this morning Coroner

Homer received a call from a youth who

says he is Charles Weber, of Darien, Conn.

He viewed the dead girl's body and said he

thought he had danced with her at a picnic

at Sayville, near New Haven, two years

ago.

He said that he met a man answering

the description and also the girl at 6.45 on

the Brooklyn Bridge last Saturday night.

Sunday evening he saw the same man at

Rockaway Beach just before the Grand Re-

public left for New York, and he was alone.

Coroner Homer hustled him into his car-

riage and at once drove to Rockaway Beach

with him.

IS WEBER'S STORY FAIR?

Unless William Tusch, his wife and nephew

are mistaken, Charles H. Weber, who iden-

tified the murdered girl as his niece, was not

at North Haven on Saturday last, when he

says the girl left his home in company with

John Abee.

According to their stories, Weber has been

stopping with them since Friday last, and

the strangest part of all is that he never

mentioned to them that he had a niece, or

that he had been to Ridgewood to identify a

body as that of his niece.

An EVENING WORLD reporter learned that

Weber had been stopping at the house of

William Tusch, a shoemaker at 323 East

Eighty-third street, and he called there this

morning to see him. Tusch seemed surprised

that anyone should inquire for Weber.

"Why he told us no one knew that he

stopped here because it was only tempo-

rarily."

That was before he discovered that his

niece had been murdered," suggested the

reporter.

"What niece, what murder?" inquired Mr.

and Mrs. Tusch, in one breath.

"Hasn't Weber told you that he last night

identified the body of the girl choked to death

at 'Ridgewood' as that of his niece, Matilda

Haber?"

"There must be some mistake." "There

must be some mistake. It must be

some other Weber. Our Mr. Weber never

mentioned that he had a niece, nor that he

had identified a body. Describe the man,"

said Mrs. Tusch.

The reporter read the description: A gray-

haired man, smooth-shaven, wearing a blue

shirt, with a Grand Army button in the lapel

of his coat.

Mr. and Mrs. Tusch exchanged glances.

"That's the man," said both.

"To make sure that there could not possibly

be a mistake Mr. Tusch, his clever

woman, said to him: 'What time was this

identification made?'

"About 6 o'clock last night," answered the

reporter.

Again Mr. and Mrs. Tusch looked at each

other, this time with a significant shake of

the head.

"Time did Mr. Weber come last

night?" inquired the reporter.

"About 10 o'clock; probably 10.30."

"And he didn't say anything about a visit

to Ridgewood?"

"Nothing. He was very pale, and I noticed

he appeared greatly agitated. At first I

sought he had been drinking," said Mrs.

Tusch.

"Two men accompanied him to the door.

One was tall and fine looking, the other a

small man with a stouthead pulled over his

eyes. They left him on the steps."

WHERE EXPECTED MONEY.

Weber had told us that he expected

money from an inheritance in a day

or two, and when he said in explanation

that the men came with him because he had

a large amount of money on his person we

made no further inquiries. But tell me, what

did Weber say over at Ridgewood?"

The reporter told them all that Weber told

Coroner Homer.

"Strange," remarked the astonished Mrs.

Tusch. "He never mentioned a thing about

that to us. And this morning he acted very

queer. He got up about 5 o'clock, went out

and said he would be back for breakfast. He

never returned."

"You say Weber came to your house on

Friday. Are you sure about that?"

"Positive, and so is my nephew, Herman

Schneider, and my husband here."

Herman Schneider, a lad of 12 years, said, "I

know it was on Friday, because we had fish

for dinner, and we always have fish on Fri-

day and never on any other day."

WAS OUT LAST SATURDAY NIGHT.

"I am sure of it, too," added Mr. Tusch.

"because Weber went out early Saturday

morning after remaining with us all night,

and he did not return till late Saturday night.

I remarked the long absence of the stranger,

and thought he might have lost his way."

"What time did he come home Saturday

night?"

"Very late, about midnight, and he re-

mained home all day Sunday, Sunday night

and a great portion of the day yesterday."

"I don't know where Weber was until mid-

night Saturday. He did not tell us. He said

he had seen his lawyer, and showed a letter

which purported to be information about an

inheritance. The letter, I believe, was signed

O'Brien."

A QUEER MEETING.

"The whole story is queer, but no more

peculiar than my meeting with Weber,"

said Mrs. Tusch, who is a pleasant-faced

gray-haired woman of fifty years.

"I was walking in Central Park with my

nephew on Friday afternoon. I noticed some

small boys playing close to the water's edge,

and continued my nephew never got so near to

danger. I spoke in German, and a man whom

I had not observed standing beside me said:

"That's good advice. You are a sensible

woman."

"It was Weber. My nephew, after looking

at the man, said: 'I believe that is the man

who told me that Weber was in New York

last night. This gentleman was on the

next to mine in the German Hospital

when I was sick there last March.'

TOLD HER HE LIVED IN NORTH HAVEN.

"I said I was pleased to see the gentleman,

who then gave me his name. He said he was

a North Haven man and lived at North Haven.

"I said I had a daughter living in Con-

necticut. He asked where. I told him at

Hartford."

"Why, that's only one station from where

I live, and I know her," he said.

"We kept on talking and he walked here

with us, where my husband and he had some

beer."

THEY LOANED HIM \$5.

"Weber said he had no money and no

money with him just then, but he would have

some next day. He expected to get a small

legacy left to him by a distant relative. My

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Prudent, of the Morrisania police, and the

body was taken ashore.

It was found that there were several bruises

on the forehead and neck, and that a small

stream of blood oozed between them and out

of the man's mouth.

A watchless gold chain hung from a vest

buttonhole.

The policeman searched the pockets of

the clothing and found some papers which showed

that the man was Prof. Charles A. Korff.

There were also found in the pockets a

post-note book, containing 50 cents, a key and a

shirt stud with the initials "C. A. K."

The dead man's sons were notified, and

they obtained a permit from Coroner Loe

to remove their father's body to their home at

1157 Boston avenue.

There is not the slightest doubt in the

neighborhood of the police that the man who

was found at Oak Point was murdered by

some of the gang of thieves that have been

infesting that pleasure resort for several

months.

An EVENING WORLD reporter who visited

Oak Point this morning, learned that Korff

had taken a drink at the pavilion bar in com-

pany with another man, about 6 o'clock Sat-

urday evening.

Carl Henrichs, one of the bartenders, said

that Korff often came to the pavilion.

When he came Saturday evening the bar-

tender noticed that Korff was somewhat un-

der the influence of liquor. The man with

him was a stranger and appeared to be about

forty years old. Both drank whiskey and

went out of the pavilion.

There is a small stone dock outside the

pleasure grounds, where Korff's body was

found.

There are several lanes and paths in the

neighborhood of the pavilion, and it is al-

most impossible to find the exact spot where

the body was found, and the fact that the owners

of weighing machines have been obliged to

withdraw their devices from the park recently

on account of the thefts from the money

drawers, gives strength to the theory that

some one took advantage of the

bar-tender's condition, robbed him and threw him

overboard.

Capt. McCullough, of the Morrisania police,

is more or less inclined to the theory of foul

play, and he has Detective Johnston at work

on the case. No arrests have yet been made.

Arthur Korff was seen by an EVENING

World reporter at his home on Boston ave-

nue. He said that he did not care to make a

statement regarding his father's death, be-

cause the family were too much prostrated.

"We have very strong suspicions,"

as father was murdered," he said, "and our

reason for it is that his face and forehead

were bruised and besides his watch and

money have disappeared. We are waiting for

the coroner and shall do nothing until he

comes."

Young Korff told the reporter that his

father was in the habit of visiting Oak Point.

In fact it was a favorite place where he spent

his leisure moments.

The EVENING WORLD reporter was the first

to tell him that his father was seen drinking

with a stranger at Oak Point Saturday eve-

ning, and that information, he said, strength-

ened his suspicions.

Prof. Korff was a scholar and fifty-three

years old. His home on Boston avenue is one

of the handsomest in the Annexed District.

The Korff School of Languages, of which

Prof. Korff was President, has been a suc-

cessful institution and the Professor was quite

wealthy.

EXTRA.

2 O'CLOCK.

MURDER FOR MONEY.

Prof. Korff Slain, Robbed and Thrown

Overboard at Oak Point.

His Body, Covered with Wounds,

Found in the Water.

A Valuable Gold Watch and \$300

the Booty Secured.

A foul murder, the unmistakable object of

which was robbery, has just come to light in

the annexed district by the discovery of the

body of Prof. Chas. A. Korff, a well-known

resident of Boston, who was found floating in

the Sound off Oak Point. The body was covered

with wounds and bruises.

Three hundred dollars in money and a valu-

able gold watch, which were known to have

been in Korff's possession when last

seen, have disappeared, and all that remains

to tell the story of the foul play is met with

is a broken chain and a few trinkets found in

his possession.

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